

HE KNEW HOW TO DO IT.

The Man Who Relieved a Tired Woman of Her Baby.

There are two ways of doing everything. Two gentlemen standing on the corner of Fourth and Washington avenue noticed a young, delicate, almost fragile-looking woman come from the direction of the big bridge, says the St. Louis Republic. She was carrying a baby and leading a little child about four years old. It was evident that she was fatigued and that her slender arms could scarcely bear the burden they held, while the little fellow clinging to her skirts was fretful and so tired that his legs could hardly toddle. Both gentlemen noted the weary woman as she passed them, and heard her remark that they had "only six more blocks" to walk.

"I would help that woman if I dared," said one of the gentlemen, "but if I should speak to her she would resent it and I would only have my trouble for my pains. I tried that kind of a thing once and the woman called an officer and I narrowly escaped arrest."

"Well, I'm going to help her and I don't think I'll be arrested," said his friend.

Walking up to the tired little woman the gentleman said in a low tone: "You are about to drop that baby; it is too heavy for you; let me carry it."

Without waiting for a reply he lifted the child out of her arms, and she was so glad to be relieved of the load that she forgot to be frightened. As the little woman and her benefactor disappeared down the street the other gentleman said: "If I had done that she would have screamed and there would have been a sensational street scene." He was probably correct.

JUDGED BY HER CLOTHES.

A Waiter Refused a Tip from a Lady Whom He Took for a Poor Person.

"I don't know that I ever quite estimated the value of my clothes until one day lately," said the wife of a well-known citizen of New York, according to the Times of that city. "We had been moving and my husband had been taking his meals at a neighboring restaurant—a first-class one, by the way. I had not been with him but on the day of our worst confusion I went there for luncheon. I suppose I am what may be termed an elderly little body, and on this day, with an old long cloak thrown over my 'moving' attire, I can fancy I was not impressive. I was, however, civilly received and well served to the slight luncheon I craved, and when I arose to go I left, as is my habit, a coin on the tray of the rather stately waiter who brought me my change. 'Excuse me, mem,' he remarked, returning it; 'we don't take anything from any poor person.' More amused than indignant, I faced him.

"Why do you think I am too poor to give you some money?" I asked.

"The fellow was nonplused at this directness. 'Well,' he said, stammering and hesitating, 'I may be mistaken, but, mem, you have that appearance,'"

"I said no more, but left the place, and I did not take up the coin.

"That night I dressed myself with care and went with my husband and a friend who had come up with him to the restaurant for dinner. The same waiter met us, looked at me, then at my husband, whom he knew by sight and name, puckered his lips in a quickly repressed whistle and sent another man to serve us."

AWFUL FATE OF A HUNTER.

Caught in a Bear Trap, He Slowly Starves to Death.

More than a month since an Englishman named David Allen, who resided about six miles north of Winnipeg and who spent considerable of his time hunting, started out to examine his traps, but failed to return. For ten days an uninterrupted search was kept up in the woods, it being supposed that he had wandered away and become lost. The search was unproductive of results, however. The mystery surrounding his fate was accidentally unveiled by two hunters who chanced to look in a cove of bushes. Lying upon the ground, face downward, was the dead body of the hunter, and the condition of the body and the ground showed that he had met a horrible death from starvation. Both of his hands were securely fastened in a bear trap. He had evidently been in the act of setting the trap, when by some means it closed upon his wrists with a vice-like grip. Unable to release himself and with no hope of making his voice heard in that vast wilderness, he suffered the most excruciating tortures until starvation and exposure combined ended his existence. His wrists were frightfully lacerated where an attempt had been made to wrench his hands free.

Not So Blind.

A very popular but blind count lives in the Champs Elysees. Being witty and musical, his society was much sought after. He left Paris three months ago and on his return called on a fashionable marchioness who was preparing to go to a fancy ball. She begged to be excused, but as he had an important message to deliver he was shown in, and, being blind, he was asked to take a seat in her boudoir. Gossip ensued, and during all the time the marchioness, assisted by her maid, executed the mysteries of her toilet. Being ready to descend to her carriage, the count stated that he had been absent in London and had undergone a successful operation for cataract, and could now see as well as the marchioness. The latter shrieked and jumped into her carriage without even an au revoir to her unwelcome visitor.

Settling Day in Pennsylvania.

Lancaster county, Pa., has a custom that prevails perhaps nowhere else in the United States. "Settling day" in that county falls upon April 1, and on that day thousands of country folks gather at Lancaster, the county seat. Bargains are made, contracts are entered into, debts are paid and new ones are contracted. If a man contracts a debt at any time during the year the understanding is, in the absence of specific agreement, that payment shall be made on settling day. A similar custom prevails in parts of China, but the Lancaster countians probably took their settling day from German ancestors.

CAUSES OF BALDNESS.

Conditions That May Lead to a Loss of the Hair Growth.

The probable causes of baldness are summed up by Dr. Joseph Tyson as, in their order, insufficient exposure of the hair, influence of heredity, excessive mental work and great anxiety, and constant washing and want of pomade, says the Popular Science Monthly. Preventive treatment is advised. Children should, as much as possible, do without caps, and their hats, when worn, should be of the lightest description. A stouter hat may be necessary during the hot season, for the prevention of sunstroke. Head-coverings should not be worn indoors, in trains or in closed carriages. Straw hats are preferable in summer and in still weather; in winter, hats made of light felt, well ventilated and unlined. The ordinary tall hat, or stove-pipe, and the thick, heavy, unventilated top hat, cannot be too strongly condemned. The second cause does not admit of practical treatment, while the course to be pursued with the third cause is obviously one of avoidance. Too constant washing of the hair is unnecessary as well as harmful. Once a week is enough for cleanliness and for maintaining the strength of the hair. Excessive brushing, especially with hard brushes, should be avoided. The author advises the application of some form of simple grease or oil, after the hair has been washed; and, when the hair is becoming rapidly thinned, some stimulating material, such as cantharides, applied to the oil, will increase its growth.

PREHISTORIC LIFE.

Remarkable Scientific Discoveries in the Fossils of This Country.

The phosphate deposits of this country, in addition to their immense commercial value, form a wonderfully rich field for the investigation of the geologist. Their formation, says the Chicago Journal, undoubtedly extended through many ages. Fossils from the age of reptiles to the age of man are found imbedded within them, and the history of the intervening periods is written in their strata as in a book. The great bulk of these deposits were formed of the excrement of prehistoric animals, and large quantities of the remains of the animals themselves are constantly brought up by the miners. The greater number of these animals belong to species now extinct. Remains of land animals of every kind are found in abundance. Among the most remarkable of the evidences of the size of prehistoric animals which these deposits afford are the remains of sharks, which appear to have been particularly numerous. These are not the ordinary sharks of to-day, but fishes of enormous length. A thirty-foot shark of the present time has a tooth half an inch long, but in these deposits thousands upon thousands of sharks' teeth are found which are over six inches in length.

BEGGARS' INCOMES.

A New Yorker Tells What Professional Can Make.

Mr. Robert W. Hubbard, of the Charity Organization society, who has had many years' experience with the beggars of New York, and has known nearly all the famous ones personally, says that an industrious beggar will frequently make as much as ten dollars and fifteen dollars a day. He has known men, who had been begging for some time, to have fortunes of ten and fifteen thousand dollars.

"What is the best game you know of?" I asked him.

"Well, I think blind men make the most money, as a rule, particularly if they are old men."

"What is the best location for beggars in the city?"

"Wherever there are women. It is quite the fact for Fifth avenue ladies to step up daily and drop a few pennies in the hand of a beggar. People have no idea of the amount of money that is squandered every year in perpetuating these paupers."

"If we had the money that is given each year in maintaining this race of parasites we could rid New York of professional beggars."

The Number Seven.

The Hindus believe in seven manifestations of all created spirits, the earth being the lowest of these, while the seventh and highest is the seat of Brahman. The Moslem pilgrimage is at last consummated when seven circuits have been made round the sacred stone of Mecca. The astronomer tells us of seven greater planets, the alchemists dealt with seven metals, and we all recognize seven days in each week.

A Novel Duel.

Two young men of Lebanon, Conn., who had a falling out, decided to fight a novel duel. Arming themselves with long whetstones whips and providing seconds to see fair play they began to belabor each other. "Never since the whipping post was abolished in the state," says a dispatch, "did two men ever receive such a flogging." At length the seconds interposed and stopped the duel, although both men vehemently protested that they had not had enough.

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